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SUBJ: MAKARIOS' PRESS INTERVIEW ON HIS RETURN TO CYPRUS

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1. UPON HIS RETURN CYPRUS OCTOBER 12, ARCHBISHOP MAKARIOS TOLD PRESS HE NEITHER OPTIMISTIC NOR PESSIMISTIC FOLLOWING HIS CONTACTS ABROAD BUT THAT HE FOUND "FAVORABLE" CLIMATE AT THE UNGA AND A "LIVELY INTEREST IN AN EARLY SOLUTION" ON THE PART OF SECRETARY KISSINGER AND OTHERS.

2. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS ABOUT U.S. EFFORTS, MAKARIOS TOLD PRESS THAT HE COULD NOT ANTICIPATE RESULTS OF PRESIDENT FORD'S EFFORTS BUT THAT PRESIDENT HAD "REPEATEDLY STATED THAT FOLLOWING THE LIFTING OF THE BAN ON MILITARY AID TO TURKEY, HE WOULD MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO GET TURKEY TO MAKE REASONABLE CONCESSIONS..."

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3. ASKED WHETHER SECRETARY KISSINGER HAD SUBMITTED PRO-

POSALS FOR A SOLUTION WHICH PROVIDED FOR RETURN OF REFUGEES
TO THEIR HOMES, MAKARIOS REPLIED: "DR. KISSINGER DID NOT
SUBMIT CONCRETE PROPOSALS." MAKARIOS ALSO REPEATED HIS
BELIEFE " THAT THE SECRETARY COULD PLAY A CONSTRUCTIVE ROLE"
IN SOLVING THE CYPRUS PROBLEM. ASKED IF THE SECRETARY
WOULD BE VISITING CYPRUS "WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF HIS
INITIATIVE," ARCHBISHOP REPLIED THAT SECRETARY HAD EXPRESSED
NO VIEWS ON THE MATTER."
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